

# Fireworks Injury Prevention

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<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/firemars.htm>



*Guidelines to prevent fireworks-related fires and injuries.*

## **Celebrate Safely, It's Your Responsibility**

Adult supervision around fireworks is important. Only adults should light fireworks and handle matches and lighters. Set family boundaries and talk with children about celebrating safely. Use care in selecting the area for discharge of fireworks, and the type of fireworks appropriate for that area. Weather conditions make grasses and other vegetation dry and vulnerable to fire.

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### **Be Prepared, before you light fireworks:**

- Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets.
- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Keep pets safe indoors.
- Always keep water handy.

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### **Be Safe, when lighting fireworks:**

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Only use outdoors.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- Protect your eyes.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never relight a "dud".

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### **Be Responsible after you finish:**

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate--clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- **HAVE A SAFE AND FUN FOURTH OF JULY!**

To learn more about fireworks safety visit the Washington State Fire Marshal's web site at:  
[www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/default.htm](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/default.htm)